

this becomes a national priority so we can finally bring this tragedy in the Middle East to an end.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate concurs in the House of Representatives amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment to the bill (H.R. 719) "An Act to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes."

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend William Vanderbush, Cathedral of Praise, Austin, Texas, offered the following prayer:

My gracious Heavenly Father, I stand in awe and gratitude at Your goodness and Your grace for our Nation.

I pray today that You would grant our Congress, our Representatives, and our President a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You and of Your love.

Fill them with Your Holy Spirit, and may You give them visions, dreams, and new ideas that will shape the course of history for Your glory.

May they display in every decision the States united and not divided. Jesus, let us be one with each other just as we are one with You.

I pray for their families, that You would bless them in their sacrifice and service. I declare healing, grace, wholeness, and peace for all of our Representatives and our Nation today.

Let Your kingdom come, and let Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

In Jesus' name, amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote

on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CARNEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARNEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND WILLIAM VANDERBUSH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from South Dakota (Mrs. NOEM) is recognized for 1 minute. There was no objection.

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Reverend Bill Vanderbush for serving as guest chaplain of this body today.

When I was a little girl living on a ranch in South Dakota, every Sunday morning, my dad would load us up in a big Oldsmobile four-door diesel car and drive us the long way into town to church. And every Sunday morning he religiously would turn on the radio to KWAT, and we would listen to the sound of Henry Vanderbush's voice fill the car all the way to town.

My dad loved Henry Vanderbush. He was proudly known as the "cow barn preacher," and he spoke to us every single Sunday growing up. When I hear his voice today still, my eyes fill with tears thinking of my dad and how much he loved him.

In a God-ordained meeting a few years ago, I had the opportunity to meet Bill Vanderbush, his son, on an airplane. They have prayed for me; they have encouraged; they have lifted me up, and they have been wonderful friends and prayer partners throughout that.

I want to thank him for coming today and opening this House floor with prayer.

I ask God to continuously bless him and his ministry. They are working to expand it, not only just to people in the country, but people in the city and people across the world. They carry a burden for people's hearts in their souls, and I appreciate them and ask God to richly bless them and their family.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YODER). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

AN AMERICAN HERO

(Mr. STEWART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I sit by an American hero, my friend, SAM JOHNSON, to recognize three American heroes in my own hometown: a brave police officer and two sisters, Bre and Kaylie Lasley.

Last week, a man broke into their house and began to viciously attack these two sisters with a knife. They defended each other, they supported each other, and they fought for each other's lives.

Fortunately, a police officer was in the area and, when he heard their screams, he ran to the rescue. Just seconds before this intruder was expected to take Bre's life, this heroic police officer entered the scene and saved her.

Speaking of this officer, Bre said: "Right when we made eye contact, I knew that I was safe. It's a miracle that he had so much composure. He was our angel."

I am proud to serve in a country where police officers put their lives on the line every single day to save us. I am proud to serve in a country where we know that the country isn't great because of the actions of the government; it is great because of heroic and courageous actions of individuals, which is why I would like to present this police officer with my first Profile of Courage award.

MANUFACTURING DAY

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, this Friday, October 2, is Manufacturing Day, a day to celebrate the American manufacturing industry that has made our country great and to highlight emerging opportunities in the field of advanced manufacturing.

My home State of Rhode Island is the birthplace of the American industrial revolution. It was in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where Samuel Slater opened our country's first successful cotton spinning factory that marked the beginning of a new era in American innovation.

From the textile mills in Woonsocket to the shipyards in Newport, good-paying manufacturing jobs helped build a thriving middle class in Rhode Island and all across our country.

Today, advanced manufacturing fields like 3-D printing, medical device production, and renewable energy offer the promise of new opportunities to a

new generation of Rhode Island and American workers. It is critical that we seize these opportunities to help our country lead the world in manufacturing.

Let's honor the great manufacturing history of America by investing in policies that create good-paying American jobs. I urge my colleagues to stand up for commonsense policies that will enable the American manufacturing industry to lead the world. Let's move forward in a bipartisan way with our Make It In America agenda.

GOLD STAR PARENTS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this weekend was Gold Star Mother's Day, a day we set aside each year to honor the women who have lost a child or a grandchild who was actively serving in our great Nation's military. It is a time to honor their strength, will, and perseverance. It is also a time to honor the memories of their loved ones.

Freedom is not free. There is a cost, and that cost is paid first by our veterans and their families. That is why I am glad this week the House also did something to honor America's Gold Star Fathers with the Gold Star Fathers Act. This bill grants these men the same status as Gold Star Mothers, regardless of their eligibility for civil service.

To all Gold Star parents, please know your Nation supports you and that we are grateful for the service and sacrifice of your loved ones.

RECOGNIZING JIM GILLIAM, SR.

(Mr. CARNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and work of Mr. Jim Gilliam, Sr.

Mr. Gilliam was one of Delaware's most prominent leaders. He fought tirelessly for social justice, gave voice to the voiceless, and created opportunities for generations of Delawareans. We are unquestionably better off because of the work to which Mr. Gilliam devoted his life.

Mr. Gilliam served our country as a Buffalo Soldier in the U.S. Army. Afterwards, he served Delaware in many capacities, from being a peacemaker after the assassination of Martin Luther King to the director of New Castle County's Department of Community Development and Housing.

I was privileged to work with Mr. Gilliam in New Castle County, and since then, I have often sought and respected Mr. Gilliam's counsel. He never minced words or pulled punches when giving you his opinion.

I joined Mr. Gilliam for lunch recently, and he was as engaged as ever

in challenging me to do the right thing and take on those in Congress who are getting in the way of progress.

Mr. Gilliam was a real leader and great Delawarean whose legacy will live on through those who continue to fight for fairness and equal opportunity for all Americans.

HONORING HARRY WEBB

(Mrs. WALORSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a pharmacist in my district, Harry Webb, for his dedication to curbing the meth epidemic that has taken America by storm.

Meth has infected rural communities across America, consuming working class Americans who build meth labs in rural areas using household products and ingredients.

Make no mistake, Indiana's meth problem is appalling. In 2013, the Hoosier State had more meth incidents than any other State in the U.S.

Harry and his team, the Citizen Action Committee, are working to curb meth production by partnering with local and State officials and pharmacies to reduce pseudoephedrine sales, the active ingredient in producing meth. They have taken the initiative in marketing drug abuse resistant products to their customers.

This is a critical issue for the whole country, but I am grateful for Harry's dedication and work to reduce the amount of meth labs in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, once again, join me in honoring Harry Webb for his meth lab reduction program and his service to our State.

WEAR RED WEDNESDAY

(Ms. WILSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today is Wear Red Wednesday to bring back our girls. All summer we have heard reports of Boko Haram's atrocities. This summer of savagery and brutality left us fearful for the fate of Nigeria and the Chibok girls.

But with a change of the seasons comes renewed help. We have learned of the reopening of public schools in Borno State, the very region where the Chibok girls were kidnapped over 500 days ago simply because they wanted an education. This reopening of schools gives us hope that, once the girls are returned, they will receive the education Boko Haram tried to steal from them. There are also negotiations taking place for the release of the girls.

Until these precious girls are returned and Boko Haram is defeated, we will wear red every Wednesday and we will continue to tweet, tweet, tweet #bringbackourgirls.

Tweet, tweet, tweet #joinrepwilson.

RURAL CALIFORNIA HARMED BY OBAMACARE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, ObamaCare is simply failing rural America. A recent report showed that rural residents are left with even higher skyrocketing costs and even more barriers to care.

A knee replacement in northern California, for example, is \$43,000, but the price tag for that same service for a knee replacement in Los Angeles is \$27,000. In addition, residents in northern California face a 7 percent increase, or a total of \$384 a month or \$4,600 a year, under Covered California.

Our health industry needs competition, the key to driving costs down and increasing options for quality care. Unfortunately, the ACA has only discouraged competition, especially in rural areas where more and more physicians and providers are closing up shop, citing difficulties to operate under arbitrary regulations coming out of D.C.

Mr. Speaker, rather than hindering small business with red tape, let's work to advance policies that encourage competition and location of doctors and nurses coming to rural America; and reward that innovation so we can tackle the issues plaguing rural health care, such as the staggering doctor and nurse shortage and increasing premiums and barriers to timely care.

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CONGRESS NEEDS TO SIT DOWN AT THE TABLE

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, it looks like Congress will narrowly avoid another costly and unnecessary shutdown. That is the good news. The bad news is that Congress will have the same fight again just before the holidays start.

Why does this place keep playing the same dysfunctional record over and over? In my region, the last shutdown cost furloughs at our military installations; Olympic National Park closed its doors, hurting local employers; tribes and social service providers and others faced painful disruptions of funding. I don't want to see that happen again.

This place is spending a lot of time and energy obsessing about who the next Speaker will be. That is one job. We should be more concerned about the thousands of jobs we need to grow and keep not just in my region, but all around this country.

Congress needs to end the grandstanding and sit down at the table. Let's hammer out a budget agreement that finally ends the across-the-board sequestration cuts and focuses on this Nation's economy and its long-term growth.